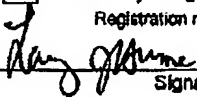


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Application Number	10/020,401-Cont. #9854	Filed	December 18, 2001
For METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF THE SUPPORT ELEMENT			
Art Unit	3732	Examiner	M. N. Bumgarner
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.			
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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